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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau--March 1986

I. GENERAL

The announcement during the month of Vice President George Bush's 7-9 April visit to Bahrain as part of a tour of Arabian Peninsula countries has left the Embassy here with little time for anything but preparations for that event. One of the main concerns has been how to make the Embassy building appear presentable in the midst of its ongoing security enhancement construction project, which is about as beautiful as construction sites usually are. To deal with pre-advance team, advance team, and an entourage traveling with the vice president that will substantially outnumber the permanent mission in Manama, the ambassador has cancelled all leaves and TDY departures of mission personnel during the lead up to the visit and the visit itself. After some discussion, an exception was made for the FBIS chief so that he could attend the Bureau Chiefs Conference as scheduled.

The visit of the Director of FBIS was the occasion for a barbecue dinner at the bureau on the evening of the 25th. Most bureau personnel and their spouses had an opportunity to meet and chat with the Director during the very successful dinner, which was also attended by the ambassador, several senior Embassy officers, and their spouses.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. In connection with increased LD/BBC coverage of Libyan media during the U.S.-Libyan confrontation in the Gulf of Sidra, Gulf Bureau was asked on 26 March to assume additional Arabic coverage to relieve the Easter holiday burden on the BBC's Arabic section. The bureau extended operating hours by 3 hours/day to assume coverage of the late-night programs of Kuwait and Riyadh domestic services and Moscow International Service in Arabic, and to extend coverage of Riyadh SPA until signoff. The special coverage arrangement ended on 31 March.

2. The bureau's newest monitor, [] of the Arabic section, has progressed beyond the initial training phase. Beginning 1 March, [] ended his tutorial period with monitor [] and began handling a regular load of programs on his own under the regular shift supervisor.

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B. Technical

1. The bureau's new emergency generator, a Caterpillar Model 3208 (137 KVA), was installed early in the month. In a simulated power failure on the 8th the new power set came on and automatically transferred to a nearly full load without complications, thus passing its acceptance test. The low output (50KVA) of the old generator had caused extreme voltage fluctuations during transfer, resulting in many maintenance problems.

2. On 8 March, the bureau shut down most 110-volt power in order to replace the brushes on one of its two stabline transformers. The downtime, which affected most of the bureau's receivers and communications equipment, required that other bureaus in the region institute the backstop coverage plans briefly. The repair work went smoothly, however, and Gulf bureau was back up in less than two hours.

III. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

1. Administrative assistant [] Gulf Bureau's longest serving employee, resigned effective 29 March to return to India with her family. Communications supervisor [] has taken over the administrative duties, in addition to continuing her supervisory work in the Commo section. STAT

2. Persian monitor [] received a PSI effective 2 March; Persian monitor [] and communications operator [] received PSI's effective 16 March. STAT
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IV. VISITS

To the Bureau

1. Regional Engineer [] 3-9 March, to assist with installation of the new emergency power system. STAT

2. Mr. Charles Sylvester, Department of State post inspection team, 15 March, for a briefing on operations and discussion of embassy support to the bureau.

3. [] Director of FBIS, 24-27 March, for familiarization and management discussions. STAT

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CHIEF, GULF BUREAU

ATT: Monthly Production Report

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR MARCH 1986

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	257,040
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH	:	99,310
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH	:	667

	BROAD CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	14,549	14,900	184.5

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

AFGHANISTAN

KABUL INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
KABUL IN ENGLISH TO SOUTH ASIA	930

BAHRAIN

MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	-0-
MANAMA TELEVISION SERVICE IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA WAKH IN ARABIC	19,390
MANAMA WAKH IN ENGLISH	11,200
MANAMA AKHBAR AL-KHALIJ IN ARABIC	5,780
MANAMA AL-ADWA' IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA AL-MAWAQIF IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA SADA AL-USBU' IN ARABIC	-0-
MANAMA GULF DAILY NEWS IN ENGLISH	4,530
MANAMA GULF MIRROR IN ENGLISH	840

CLANDESTINE

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN DARI	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTION OF AFGHANISTAN IN PASHTO	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF AL-AHVAZ REVOLUTION IN ARABIC	-0-

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(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN	
IN PERSIAN	210
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF MOJAHED	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN	
PERSIAN	1,620
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF THE	
LIBERATION OF IRAN IN PERSIAN	1,970

IRAN

TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	12,450
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	870
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN TURKISH	4,480
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN DARI	-0-
MASHHAD INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN PASHTO	-0-
TABRIZ INTERNATIONAL SERVICE	
IN AZERI	3,160
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	21,440
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN BAH DINANI KURDISH	-0-
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	230
TEHRAN TELEVISION SERVICE	
IN ENGLISH	-0-
AHVAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	310
BAKHTARAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
BANDAR 'ABBAS DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	450
BUSHEHR DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	760
ESFAHAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
MASHHAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
SHIRAZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	100
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARMENIAN	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN AZERI	-0-
TABRIZ DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
ZAHEDAN DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN IRNA IN	
ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN AL-SHAHID	
IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN KEYHAN AL-'ARABI	
IN ARABIC	-0-
TEHRAN KAYHAN INTERNATIONAL	
IN ENGLISH	-0-

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TEHRAN ETTELA'AT IN PERSIAN	-0-
TEHRAN JOMHURI-YE ESLAMI IN PERSIAN	2,210
TEHRAN KEYHAN IN PERSIAN	7,020
TEHRAN KEYHAN HAVA'I IN PERSIAN	-0-

IRAQ

BAGHDAD TELEVISION SERVICE IN PERSIAN	-0-
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	460
BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN SURANI KURDISH	-0-

KUWAIT

KUWAIT AL-ANBA' IN ARABIC	3,460
KUWAIT AL-QABAS IN ARABIC	10,660
KUWAIT AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM IN ARABIC	6,900
KUWAIT AL-SIYASAH IN ARABIC	1,750
KUWAIT AL-WATAN IN ARABIC	670
KUWAIT ARAB TIMES IN ENGLISH	7,020

OMAN

MUSCAT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	4,050
SALALAH DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	540
MUSCAT 'UMAN IN ARABIC	350
MUSCAT 'UMMAN AL-USBU'I IN ARABIC	-0-
MUSCAT QNA IN ARABIC	1,270

PAKISTAN

ISLAMABAD THE MUSLIM IN ENGLISH	2,230
KARACHI DAWN IN ENGLISH	1,210
KARACHI JASARAT IN URDU	1,270
KARACHI MASHRIQ IN URDU	1,010

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KARACHI NAWA-E WAQT		
IN URDU		2,470
LAHORE JANG IN		
URDU		7,200
RAWALPINDI HAIDAR IN		
URDU		-0-
RAWALPINDI THE PAKISTAN TIMES		
IN ENGLISH		1,090

QATAR

DOHA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	1,960	
DOHA TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
DOHA QNA IN		
ARABIC		8,610

SAUDI ARABIA

JEDDAH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	3,260	
RIYADH DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	5,830	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	2,100	
RIYADH TELEVISION SERVICE		
IN ENGLISH	-0-	
RIYADH SPA IN		
ARABIC		12,440
AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM IN		
ARABIC		480
JEDDAH AL-MADINAH IN		
ARABIC		-0-
RIYADH AL-RIYAD IN		
ARABIC		-0-

SUDAN

OMDURMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
KHARTOUM SUNA IN		
ARABIC		1,110

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS

MOSCOW IN PERSIAN TO		
IRAN	1,620	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
BAKU INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN AZERI	1,370	
DUSHANBE INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN PERSIAN	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UIGHUR	-0-	
TASHKENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN UZBEK	-0-	
YEREVAN INTERNATIONAL SERVICE		
IN ARMENIAN	-0-	
ALMA-ATA DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN RUSSIAN	-0-	

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ASHKHABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	520
ASHKHABAD DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN TURKMEN	420
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN AZERI	1,300
BAKU DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	-0-
DUSHANBE DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN RUSSIAN	-0-
TASHKENT DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN UZBEK	3,910
YEREVAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARMENIAN	-0-

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

ABU DHABI DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	4,220	
DUBAYY DOMESTIC SERVICE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
ABU DHABI WAM		
IN ARABIC		6,600
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD		
IN ARABIC		10,140
ABU DHABI AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I		
IN ARABIC		730
AL-SHARIQAH AL-KHALIJ		
IN ARABIC		2,960
DUBAYY AL-BAYAN		
IN ARABIC		3,040
DUBAYY KHALEEF TIMES		
IN ENGLISH		5,680

UNITED KINGDOM

LONDON AL-MAJALIS		
IN ARABIC		-0-
LONDON ASGHAR AQA		
IN PERSIAN		-0-
LONDON KEYHAN IN		
PERSIAN		940

PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF YEMEN (PDY)

ADEN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN		
ARABIC	18,300	
ADEN VOICE OF PALESTINE		
IN ARABIC	-0-	
ADEN ANA IN		
ARABIC		-0-
ADEN ANA IN		
ENGLISH		-0-

YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)

SANAA DOMESTIC SERVICE	
IN ARABIC	4,140
SANAA VOICE OF PALESTINE	
IN ARABIC	1,800
SANAA AL-THAWRAH	
IN ARABIC	

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